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SUBJ: NEW NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE USSR - J.G.O. OLAITAN

1. OLAITAN, KNOWN AS YINKA TO FRIENDS, ENDS HIS TOUR AS NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN SIERRA LEONE AT THE END OF JUNE 1978. AFTER A BRIEF PERIOD OF CONSULTATION HE WILL ASSUME HIS NEW POST AS NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW IN LATE JULY.

2. OLAITAN IS CONSIDERED BY DIPLOMATS IN FREETOWN TO BE A TRUE PROFESSIONAL. MORE THAN MOST DIPLOMATS HERE, HE SHOWS DEEP CONCERN FOR WHAT IS HAPPENING NOT ONLY IN SIERRA LEONE BUT ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD WITH, OF COURSE, A STRONG FOCUS ON AFRICA. HE IS A QUIET, SERIOUS MAN BUT ONE WHO IS VERY LIKEABLE PERSON ONCE HIS OUTWARD RESERVE IS BROKEN. ADDITIONALLY, HE IS AN EXTREMELY THOUGHTFUL PERSON DOING, FOR EXAMPLE, A LONG AND HELPFUL CRITIQUE OF AN AMERICAN STUDENT'S THESIS ON NIGERIAN POLITICS. HE AND HIS WIFE, ADEKUMBI, IN THEIR QUIET WAY, ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES AS FIXTURES IN THE FREE-TOWN COMMUNITY AS NUMEROUS AND EXHAUSTING FAREWELLS HAVE AMPLY DEMONSTRATED. THEY HAVE ENTERTAINED MORE OFTEN THAN MOST AFRICANS WHILE IN SIERRA LEONE AND THEY ARE BOTH VERY

RESPONSIVE TO FRIENDLY EFFORTS ON THE PART OF AMERICANS.

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